

EC-5698. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "License Applications for Certain Items Containing Byproduct Material" (RIN3150-AF76) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5699. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the approval of revisions to a transportation control measure in Georgia (FRL6115-1) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5700. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the Iowa State Implementation Plans (FRL6113-1) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5701. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation Plans: Washington; Correcting Amendments" (FRL6110-7) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5702. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recodification of Certain Tolerance Regulations" (FRL5783-6) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5703. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Services Center Coastal Change Analysis Program" (RIN0648-ZA43) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5704. A communication from the Director of the Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding cost-share requirements and bonuses to operate Minority Business Development Centers (RIN0640-ZA03) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5705. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Southeastern States; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket FV98-953-1 IFR) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5706. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property" (Rev. Rul. 98-33) received on June 18, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5707. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 98-33) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5708. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, the report of a rule regarding funding for rehabilitation research and training centers received on June 23, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-5709. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "A Study of Benefits for Head Start Employees"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-5710. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5711. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Tribal Demonstration Program on Direct Billing For Medicare, Medicaid, and Other Third-Party Payors; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5712. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Fees for Federal Meat Grading and Certification Services" (RIN0581-AB44) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5713. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Revision in Container Regulations" (Docket FV98-922-1 IFR) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5714. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket FV98-958-1 FR) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5715. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding records and information practice received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-496. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

Whereas, The attainment of United States citizenship is recognized by many legal immigrants as a key to full participation in civic life; and

Whereas, There presently exists a backlog of 700,000 naturalization applications in California awaiting processing—some for as long as two years; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California encourages the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the President, and the Congress of the United States to ensure that available resources are directed, and any additional funds as needed are appro-

priated, in order to eliminate, within 10 months, the current backlog in naturalization applications; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the President, and the Congress of the United States to ensure that, without harm to the integrity of the naturalization process, all future applicants for naturalization will receive a determination within six months of their date of application; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the President, and the Congress of the United States to refrain from the consideration of any increase in naturalization fees until such time as the present backlog is eliminated and resources are committed to ensure that future applications will be processed within six months of their date of application; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1999" (Rept. No. 105-221).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

H.J. Res. 54: A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S.J. Res. 40: A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROBB, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. GLENN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2209. A bill to reduce class size in the early grades and to provide for teacher quality improvement; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2210. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of non-immigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 2211. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for Congressional review of rules establishing or increasing